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Selectmen Minutes 10-01-2001

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 1, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chairman, Mr. Greeley, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd
Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Mrs. Krepelka

Proclamation

Knights of Columbus

Proclamation was presented to George Mulvey, Deputy Grand Knight, Arlington Knights of Columbus. Mr. Hurd offered kind comments to Mr. Mulvey regarding the annual tootsie roll drive, which benefits the physically and mentally handicapped children.

SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment: Board of Selectmen Designee

To study by-law governing New snacks

Mr. Greeley moved to withdraw the name of Elizabeth Bilafer. Mrs. Bilafer did not accept appointment. Mr. Hurd moved approval.

Mr. Greeley moved to appoint John Bilafer. Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Keyspan Energy Delivery for Gas Main Locations Petition

Permission to install and maintain approximately 150 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Sunnyside Avenue, Arlington, from existing 4 inch gas main in Sunnyside Avenue @ Michael Street, North to House No. 39 (all abutters notified)

Harold Cooper, Permit Representative for Keyspan was present.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Keyspan Energy Delivery for Gas Main Locations Petition

To install and maintain approximately 250 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Mott Street, Arlington, from the existing 4 inch gas main in Mott Street @ House No. 50 West to House No. 67. (all abutters notified)

Harold Cooper, Permit Representative for Keyspan was present.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED

Andrew Johnson 67 Mott Street asked the Board to vote in favor of his request for a 4 inch gas main. He is in the process of renovating his home and would like to have gas.

Elsie Fiore 58 Mott Street stated she was not against her neighbor having gas but spoke of her fear of gas due to a personal problem with a gas explosion.

Mr. Hurd asked Mr. Cooper to please change the sign at Lake Street and Route 2. Said sign states "Lake Street closed from October 9 October 29th. Mr. Hurd would like sign to read "Lake Street closed from Freeman to Randolph Street only". Mr. Cooper assured Board sign would be changed immediately.

SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS**Request to Park in Municipal Lot, Continuing Education Workshop
For Mental Health Professionals, 11/2/01, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Barbara Tosti, Arlington Youth Consultation Center

Mr. Hurd moved approval to allow parking of vehicles on Pleasant Street for those attending the mental health workshop.

SO VOTED

OTHER BUSINESS**Capital Projects: Jarvis House and Street Lighting**

Jarvis House Mr. Farrington gave a brief report on the status of the Jarvis House.

Mr. Maher stated current situations are awful. Painting has been done only twice in thirty years. Mr. Maher stated an option is to leave or remove the rear addition. The Historic Commission would make the final decision. The current kitchen area would become a conference room. All building and code issues would be addressed when final plans are made.

Mr. Farrington will be requesting approximately \$600,000. from the Capital Budget Plan to implement said renovations. When final plans /meetings are made with Historic Commission he will report back to Selectmen.

Street Lights Mr. Farrington feels the estimated cost to replace the mercury vapor streetlights is a good plan plus, there is a four-year payback for project. We will have better street lighting. Also, public meetings will be held for the residents to give their input.

Mrs. Dias thanked Mr. Farrington for taking the initiative to implement the new street light program.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Mr. Farrington for his weekly report.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Mrs. Mahon asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

Mrs. Fiore had several questions and concerns about the hazardous waste being removed at the hotel project in East Arlington, also, was concerned about the crushed sewer line.

Mr. Greeley asked that the Town Manager Farrington report back at their next meeting on the crushed sewer line. Also, Mrs. Dias asked who is supervising said project. She would like to know what the Building Inspector is in charge of at this point of construction and, also, feels that the Conservation Commission should be involved to make sure that the requirements set down by the Commission are being followed.

Ed Starr, Chairman of the TAC spoke briefly to the Board regarding his concerns about Jason Street and traffic problems throughout the Town. Ed Starr, as Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee, along with Frank Tessitore, will appear before the Selectmen on October 29th with recommendations regarding Jason Street and Highland Avenue traffic. Also, he will report on long-range traffic patterns in the Town.

Mr. Hurd stated that the TAC would be looking at the whole scope of traffic problems.

Mrs. Dias asked that maybe an educational outreach effort throughout the neighborhood could be done. All members of the Board stated they are very concerned about children and pedestrian safety.

Mr. Greeley moved that no signs of any kind be put on Jason Street until after meeting with the Transportation Advisory Committee and Frank Tessitore.
Vote was unanimous.

Correspondence Received

Franca Ainsworth Letter of appreciation
9 Western Promenade
South Paris, ME

Peter Webber Upper Mystic River Watershed Environmental Joint Powers
Dept. of Environmental Agreement
Management

Peter Torigian The Program for Mass Transportation
MBTA Advisory Board

Mr. Hurd moved to receive correspondence.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.